

Amendments to the Specification

At page 11, first full paragraph:

Under normal operating conditions, switch 1 is designed to operate in the following way. Communication is received at interface 2 in the **a** direction from segment 4 of the main fiber and from segment 5 of the protection fiber, and is conveyed via interface 3 to segment 6 of the main optical fiber and to segment 7 of the protection fiber, respectively.

As to the **b** direction, communication received at ~~interface 5~~
interface 3 from segment 6 of the main fiber and from segment 7 of the protection fiber is conveyed via interface 2 to segments 4 and 5, respectively.